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**ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE
AND
SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 6, 2007. Inasmuch as the one-month shortened statutory period originally set in the Office Action expired on December 6, 2007, Applicants hereby request an extension of time for two (2) months to expire on February 6, 2008. Applicants are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time, together with the requisite fee therefor. If the Office deems any additional fee due for consideration of this Response, authorization is expressly given to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested in view of the amendment and remarks which follow:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.